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Divarsion of Coking Coal to Non-Priority Sectors

*211. SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) tho total deposits of coal in the North East region of the country;

(b) whether substantial quantity of coking coal from this region is being diverted to nor.-priority sectors;

(c) if so, the detaiis thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to utilise all the coking coal in priority sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has assessed a cumulative coal reserves of 864.78 million tonnes as on 1/1/1991 in North Eastern region of the country. The category-wise reserves as on 1/1/191 is given below:

Proved category	- 257.03 million tonnes
Indicated category	- 149.29 million tonnes
Inferred category	- 458.46 million tonnes
	864.46 million tonnes

(b) to (d). Coal from Makum Coalfields of Assam, presently under extraction by Coal India Limited, has caking quality, but suffers from high sulphur content which restricts the use of this coal by steel plants for coke making. The quantity of coal produced in this coal produced in this fields was 6.80 lakh tonnes In 90-91 of which about 1.40 lakh tonnes has been supplied to steel plants of Steel Authority of India Ltd., for blending purposes. The balance quantity of coal has been supplied to core industries like Railways, Cement, Fertilizers etc. As per programme, about 2.50 lakh tonnes of coking coal would be supplied to SAIL steel plants during 91-92. The despatches would be further stepped up to 3.0 lakh tonnes in 92-93 and 4.50 lakh tonnes by 96-97.

Global EGG Commission Meet, New Delhi

*212. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Global Egg Commission meet was held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries which attended the meet;

(c) the recommendations made at the said meet; and

(d) the follow-up action proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). The International Egg Commission which is a private body held its Annual Production and Marketing Conference at New Delhi from 4th to 8th November, 1991. It is understood that the Conference was attended by delegates from Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, South Africa, Switzerland, Sweden, Thailand, U.K. U.S.A. and Yugoslovia apart from India.

(c) No specific recommendation were made in the conference.